

BUILDING ACTIVITY AT THE PEAK.

The encroachment of the Chinese upon some of the best residential parts of the city has naturally had the effect of driving people out of the city to seek peace and quiet and more salubrious quarters in the suburbs. The popularity of the Peak as a place of residence is on the increase. Time was, and that not so very long ago, when there were only a few houses scattered about the Peak. For some years it has been growing steadily in favour, and at present there is not an unoccupied house in the Hill District. To meet the growing demand, a considerable amount of building is going on, more than there has been for many years. This may be taken as a sign of the ever increasing European population and of more prosperous times for the Colony. A great many houses are in course of erection, and there are more in contemplation. Mr. Dennis, solicitor, is building three semi-detached, two-storied houses, and also a bungalow at Mount Gough. Two bungalows are also being erected on Mount Gough, near the Police Station at the back of Stewart Terrace. These bungalows will contain five large rooms, with a very wide verandah in front of the drawing room. The bungalows are especially suited for bachelor residences. Four of the rooms are constructed as bedrooms, with bath-rooms attached to each. The drawing-room would be suitable for the common-room, and the wide verandah, which is glazed in part, will make an excellent sitting-room. The Mount, Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co.'s Peak residence, has been pulled down, and will be entirely reconstructed on a large scale and fitted up in a princely style. Craig Byrne, we believe, is to be pulled down and a much larger house built on the site for Mr. O. Ingham. The tennis lawn has been extended, and is now large enough for a game of cricket. Extensive additions are being carried out at Mount Austin Hotel. The additions comprise twenty-four additional bedrooms, and a new ball and concert room. The ball and concert room is a separate building, and is being erected on the site of one of the tennis courts. This is a much-needed thing at the Peak, and shows the enterprise of the present management. It is, no doubt, will serve as an additional attraction not only to the hotel but the Peak itself, as it will render possible all manner of festivities and amusements in summer and winter alike. In future we may expect to see visiting Theatrical Companies giving performances at the Peak for the special delectation of the Peakites, who will be spared the inconvenience of midnight travel to and from the city. The main hall will be handsomely fitted up, 75 feet long and 35 feet wide, with large seated verandahs. At one end, above the entrance, a gallery will be erected for the accommodation of the band. A handsome fireplace is to be placed at the further end. Two cloak rooms are to be conveniently placed on either side of the entrance hall, and a comfortable card-room will complete the suite of rooms. The architectural features of the new hall will be in keeping with the main building.

At 'The Chiff,' which has been taken, we believe, on lease by Mr. T. Whitehead, of the Chartered Bank, alterations and extensions are to be made on a large scale. Repairs and alterations are also being carried out on Oregon, which has been taken by Mr. T. Jackson. The Des Vaux Villas at Mount Kelso, the property of Mr. Bonifacio, have undergone alterations. In some instances, an upper storey has been placed upon these villas, giving greater accommodation, and, therefore, making them more desirable family houses. What was once a rubbish-heap, or a place of waste land, known as 'Jackson Well,' between Craigburn and the Mount, has been levelled, and will be laid out as tennis-courts and gardens. This will be a great improvement on this part of the Peak, and will get rid of a very untidy and unsightly spot.

At Magazine Gap, at Goombe Roy, four more houses have been pulled down, thus leaving only four out of the original twelve houses. We also understand that the erection of other houses is in contemplation in the vicinity of Victoria Peak, above Mount Austin Hotel. Half-a-dozen rooms are being added to the Peak Hotel, which has been nearly always fully occupied for the last three years; as it is at the Peak terminus of the tramway this hotel is found very convenient by those who desire to reside at the Peak with the minimum of discomfort and inconvenience.

Richards and Brinsmead's Pianos have no rival for tone, strength and appearance. W. Robinson & Co.

A new gold field has been discovered near Chenchoh (writes the Mercury Correspondent). The washing of the native process gives from 12 to 60 ounces of gold to a ton of soil. There are hundreds of natives on the field already. Messrs. Kinglake and Pringle have visited the Sui-chow gold field, but they keep the knowledge they gained there to themselves; but they must not run away with the idea that others have not been on the spot for some time. The new gold field is in California, Gold! Gold! Gold! nothing but gold. Quite an excitement has sprung up over this newly found gold field. I wonder if any of our readers is in it with your Shanghai correspondent. How over Langkat oil shares a little time ago. —E. A. G.

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

There was a large number of entries for the cup given by the Captain of the Golf Club for the best score during the month. Mr. C. W. May has won the monthly competition with a score of 77. Considering the rough state of the greens, play was a matter of considerable difficulty, and taking these conditions into account the winner's score is highly creditable. Instead of the usual monthly swags, a pool game was instituted, and this also was well patronised. The following are the details of the scoring:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.	
Mr. C. W. May	93 16 77
Mr. C. H. Grace	105 24 81
Mr. C. H. Grace	101 18 82
Mr. A. S. Anton	95 12 83
Mr. A. S. Anton	92 6 84
Mr. G. Stewart	88 4 84
Mr. C. E. Hume	91 6 86
Dr. J. Bell	101 18 86
Mr. C. A. Jones	104 15 89
Mr. H. W. Slade	110 18 92
Mr. E. W. Matfield	110 18 92

No returns from several others.

POOL.	
Mr. C. W. May	93 16 77
Major Thomas	108 18 83
Mr. C. A. Jones	105 18 83
Mr. C. H. Grace	95 12 83
Mr. G. Stewart	88 4 84
Mr. C. E. Hume	91 6 85
Dr. J. Bell	101 15 88

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Yesterday afternoon C. V. Perceval, the winner of the tie in the Championship Class played C. M. Firth, last season's champion. There was a large attendance of spectators, including many ladies. His Excellency the Governor also watched the game with interest. Perceval won a well-contested match, the following being the score:—4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-8, 6-4. At the finish of the play, His Excellency presented the prizes to the winners in the different sections.

His Excellency said—Ladies and gentlemen, I have been asked to distribute the prizes this afternoon and it is with very great pleasure that I do so. I should like to say a few words about the tournament. I must say that the average play was very much inferior to what it has been during the last two or three years. There have never been so many 'rocketings' and so many ineffective volleys as on this occasion, and nobody has come up to the form that used to be shown by Dr. Meaden and Mr. Pinkey. Indeed, the only remarkable feature about the tournament has been the excellent play of Dr. Atkinson. (Applause.) He is as safe as a church and seems to have made a mistake about his profession. Another has produced a colourist who was called 'Stonewall' Jackson, and I think we shall have to apply that epithet to Dr. Atkinson and call him 'Stonewall' Atkinson. (Applause and laughter.) The Championship has been won by Mr. Perceval after a very severe fight, and his success was no doubt due to the instruction I gave him at A.D.C. (Applause.) I congratulate him upon winning the prize.

His Excellency then distributed the prizes to the following successful competitors:—Championship—C. V. Perceval. Lieutenant Handicap—Captain Dyson and S. E. Holker. A Class Single Handicap—Dr. Atkinson. B Class Single Handicap—R. E. Bonifacio. Professional Pairs—Dr. Atkinson and T. Sercombe Smith.

LI HUNG CHANG IN EUROPE.

HIS ORDERS FROM PEKING.
(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Tuesday, May 19, 4.56 p.m.
His Excellency Li Hung Chang has received orders from Peking to return to China direct immediately after the conclusion of the Car of Russia, without visiting any of the other European capitals.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, May 17, 1896.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.
France is negotiating with Japan for the conclusion of a Commercial Treaty.

THE MATABELE RISING.
The inhabitants of Bulawayo are returning to their ordinary avocations.

THE RAND REFORMERS.
The sentence of banishment passed on the Rand Reformers has been confirmed by the Transvaal executive.

The Shanghai Sanitary Board, acting under the Municipal Council, have been engaged making preparations to deal with any cases of plague should they unfortunately find their way to Shanghai. The chapel at Footing has been converted into a temporary hospital for foreigners, and an isolation hut has been erected for the use of Chinese. An isolation hospital also is being rapidly erected on a site about half a mile beyond the Point, where a similar building was put up in 1894. This will probably be completed on Monday. Dr. Bland has been appointed the Medical Officer to carry out the inspection provided for in the Sanitary Ordinance issued on the 4th instant. The first inspection took place on the 11th instant, and no cases have yet been reported. —N. O. Daily News, 18th May.

The Osaka Asahi reports that certain British and German firms at Ningpo, Fuzhou, and other ports, have been making a claim upon the Japanese Government for compensation for losses sustained through the 'occupation of the town, as well as the taking of the Japanese army last year. An investigation has been held by the Japanese authorities, and on the basis of their report the Government has definitely refused that the damage alleged to have been sustained was not caused by the Japanese soldiers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CRITIC OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, May 15, 1896.

Sir,—The first annual report of the Medical Officer of Health is a document which affords the most complete evidence, that a Chinese doctor is a good doctor.

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THE OFFICIAL CLASS AS SEEN BY ONE OF THEMSELVES.
To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, May 18, 1896.

Sir,—The following extract from the report of an old Indian official, Sir Lepel Griffin, in Hongkong, and it reflects but little credit on H.E. the Governor, who, either from indifference or ignorance, prefers to allow certain bands of departments to virtually rule the Colony to suit their own views.

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INSURANCES.

THE EMPRESS ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE.

WE Have This Day been appointed Agents and are prepared to Accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, April 28, 1896.

UNITED ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,700,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £650,000.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed Agent of the above Society in Hongkong, is prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING,
Praya Central.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

(Established A.D. 1824).

CAPITAL £2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITIES £2,480,000
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUMS £757,473

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN AND CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1894, £11,071,016 2s. 2d.

Authorized Capital £3,000,000.00
Subscribed Capital £2,700,000.00
Paid-up Capital £687,500.00
Fire Fund £2,410,392.73
Revenue Fire Branch £1,846,866.18.7

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN AND CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.

13 July, 1895.

INTIMATIONS.

WINDSOR HOTEL,
HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Buildings known as "GOON NAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-Class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers. Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendants.

Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

P. BOHM,
Proprietor and Manager.

Hongkong, November 24, 1894.

KOWLOON HOTEL.

NEAR THE GODOWN WHARF.

SURROUNDED by magnificent Gardens, and commanding a beautiful view of the Harbour and Island of Hongkong.

ROOMS TO LET WITHOUT BOARD.

KEGELBAHN
AND
AMERICAN BOWLING ALLEYS.

BAR AND BILLIARDS.

LUIZ M. LOBO, Manager.

Hongkong, May 9, 1895.

NOTICE.

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE
at Mrs. HUBBARD'S, No. 11A,
Praya East.

N.B.—Will open on 1st May next.

TERMS MODERATE.

Hongkong, April 23, 1896.

PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS Commodious and Well-appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, has just been thoroughly re-decorated and re-furnished, and a NEW WING has been built, which commands magnificent views of the Harbour and mainland of China.

SPECIAL SUMMER RATES.
(From 1st April to 31st October).

One person, per day, £ 4.00
One person, per month, £ 75.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per day, £ 7.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per month, £ 150.00
Married couple (occupying two rooms) per day, £ 10.00
Married couple (occupying two rooms) per month, £ 200.00
Extra Bedroom, per month, £ 40.00
For further Particulars, apply to THE MANAGER, New Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, April 4, 1896.

RIGAUD'S KANANGA WATER

JAPAN

(REGISTERED)

The most delightfully refreshing Toilet Water. It renders the skin soft and imparts a delicate fragrance and feeling of comfort.

RIGAUD'S CHOICEST NEW EXTRACTS

RECOMMENDED

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Surfodan*, Capt. JACKSON, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1896.

SHINE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

(With liberty to tow the S.S. *Bomington* from Hongkong to Nagasaki).

The Steamship *Carmanthura*, Capt. SING, will be despatched for the above Ports at Noon on THURSDAY, the 21st Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 12, 1896.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

The Co.'s Steamship *Nanchang*, Capt. FINLAYSON, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 22nd Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 16, 1896.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Ulysses*, Capt. GRIER, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 13, 1896.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Steamship *Taiyuan*, Capt. NELSON, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 25th Inst., at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamship. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 16, 1896.

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Steamship *Chim*, Capt. J. BLAIR, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 14, 1896.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Steamship *Shantung*, Capt. FRANKSON, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 26th Inst.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 16, 1896.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

The Chartered Steamer *Agapanthus*, Capt. J. BLAIR, will be despatched for the above Ports about THURSDAY, the 4th of June.

For Freight, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, May 18, 1896.

RICKMERS REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to RED SEA, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS).

The Co.'s Steamship *Deike Rickmers*, Capt. SEIZER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 6th June.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 16, 1896.

Mails.

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5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as porcelain, watches, hand-made bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Misuse or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misused or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to me*, or *Received at 7 p.m.*, or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations,

Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unstamped, the postage at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-box-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incomplete addresses covers will be returned to the sender for address.

Money Orders.

(Office Hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, Saturdays 10 to 1, but the office is open from 10 to 5 on the working day next before any mail for Europe, which leaves at noon.)

(Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when despatch mails for Europe, and mail noon.)

1.—Money Orders are issued at Hongkong

and Shanghai at current rates of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

Canada.

China Ports (Hohhai, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Hankow, and Shanghai).

Ceylon.

Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).

British India (including Burma and the Agencies

of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).

Japan Ports (Nagasaki, Osaka, Kobe, Yokohama, and Hakodadi).

New South Wales.

New Zealand.

British North Borneo.

Queensland.

Siam (Siam only).

Straits Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).

Tannam.

United Kingdom.

Victoria.

United States of America.

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Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.

Belgium.

Bulgaria.

Chili.

Denmark (excluding Iceland and Faroe Islands).

Dutch West Indies.

Egypt.

France, with Algeria.

German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cameroons).

Holland.

Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Massowah).

Norway.

Orange Free State.